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decision to end someone else's pregnancy. This amendment is very dangerous. This amendment must be defeated. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Kruse, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I continue to urge support for this amendment. As has been pointed out, there are a number of states that have adopted these types of laws. They do vary quite a bit. What I note is that, of those who take a similar position to what this bill is taking, they do not define an unborn child as a fertilized egg. I can't find one of them that does that, though at this quick stage it's pretty hard to research every one of them and their exact language. What they do is prohibit the killing of an unborn child at any stage of prenatal development. That's quite a different approach and I wouldn't have objection to that approach. This amendment is far more conservative than most of the states that have taken this position, and I shall go through them: Arkansas sets the point at 12 weeks or great gestation, which would be approximately the end of the first trimester; California, after the embryonic stage; Florida, an unborn quick child; Georgia, after quickening...interesting language but I...and please don't ask me to define it, but I'll refer it to some attorney; Massachusetts, after viability; Michigan, killing of an unborn quick child; Mississippi, unborn quick child; Nevada, unborn quick child; Oklahoma, unborn quick child; Rhode Island, unborn quick child. We've been trying to determine just what "quick" means and whether that's identifiable only to the physician or if it's identifiable to the mother. It's certainly after the first trimester. South Carolina, after viability; Tennessee, after viability; Washington State, an unborn quick child. I believe that this amendment is more conservative than what these other states are doing; that it is appropriate; that it strengthens the bill in that it makes it more prosecutable in the places where it's more likely to be used, which is actually in the third trimester. It removes the debate in the court to a clearly identified and definable state and, therefore, I ask for your support.